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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 58-page patent specification with 128 claims and an abstract. Also enclosed is Figure 1 – Figure 4 on 4 sheets.

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